

A. Gray Dec. 63

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My Dear Mr. Emerson

It occurs to me that your programme which I read yesterday in speaking of botanical collections, did not appear to include my botanical library - which is a very important adjunct, and which has cost me in money more than any herbarium, although it is particularly rich in separate memoirs and papers, many of which could never be procured for money.

I suppose its pecuniary value was underestimated by me at \$5000. A

very large part of it is  
not in the University  
Library.

I thought it might  
be well enough to add  
to your statement that,  
besides the Herbarium  
I offer this library as  
a part of my donation.  
- The more so, as about  
half the annual expense  
of keeping up the estab-  
lishment has been for  
books, &c. - though hereafter  
some of this might be  
saved by an arrange-  
ment, with the College  
Library.

Valuable books will con-  
tinue to flow in to me,  
as formerly, by presentation

from the leading botan-  
ists and from exchange,  
- which I shall of course  
make over to the estab-  
lishment.

Ever Yours

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